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FOI: DEVICE FOR PROVIDING SPONGY BONE WITH BONE SUBSTITUTE AND/OR BONE REINFORCING MATERIAL, BONE SUBSTITUTE AND/OR BONE REINFORCING MATERIAL AND METHOD	) ) ) ) ) ) ) )

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Each of documents 1-3 and 6 listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the respective communication.

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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